

**BIENNIAL REPORT
of the
FLORIDA BOARD OF PARKS
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**For The Years
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In all probability there are many forms of delinquency in adults, "teenagers" and children. The causes too, are varied and the methods of preventing or curing these social ills are multitudinous. However, it is recognized that wholesome recreation can and has acted either as a preventive or a cure for it.

Thinking people, who are concerned with the problem, recognize that State Parks can do much to help solve the problem. They enable an individual or a group to spend at least part of their spare time amid surroundings and in activities which are pleasant, wholesome and conducive to the elevation of the individual or group.

Historic Memorials and a number of the State Parks portray Florida's interesting and varied history in a manner which is of value to the educator, historian, and those who get their history on the site.

Public funds spent on the State Parks and Historic Memorials may well prevent considerable delinquency, thereby giving emphasis to the old proverb "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."



A free-swimming fish at Natural Bridge interests this little girl. She can absorb an appreciation of the world in which she lives. Lessons in history, botany, zoology, and social behavior can all be learned here!

To HONORABLE LEROY COLLINS, Governor, and to the Members of the Legislature of Florida:

Sirs: The Florida Board of Parks and Historic Memorials has the honor of transmitting herewith a report of what has been accomplished during the Biennium July 1, 1952 through June 30, 1954. Also in order to give you a picture of progress up to date, we have taken the liberty of including accomplishments by individual parks and historical monuments through April 1, 1955.

Florida, as you well know, is expanding rapidly and with this expansion there comes the necessity of fulfilling the needs of our existing State Parks and Historic Monuments.

Florida also needs additional areas to round out our superb parks from a geographical viewpoint and we also need them better to serve places of high population density.

We can care for the stranger within our midst as well as our permanent residents if we realize and appreciate the physical, mental and even the spiritual benefits to be derived from both State Parks and Historic Memorials.

Respectfully submitted,
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Summary

Florida was most fortunate in having a sprinkling of citizens and organizations who were interested in commemorating and preserving important phases of its history. The 1907 Legislature provided for a monument at Chickamauga Battlefield, a statue of Dr. John F. Gorrie in Statuary Hall, Washington, D. C. Later appropriations were made for care of the monument erected by devoted patriotic societies and groups at Olustee, Natural Bridge and Dade Battlefield.

However, the initial effort for State Parks came in Florida when the Florida Federation of Women's Clubs acquired title to what was developed as Royal Palm State Park by their own hard work and later help from the FERA, WPA, and CCC.

Many other individuals and groups were interested in providing Florida with State Parks. The Garden Clubs, Women's Clubs, Civic Clubs, patriotic organizations, agricultural groups, industrial groups, educational forces, state and county officers, and employees, were interested in their establishment. Business owners and employees, the medical, legal, forestry, landscaping and most particular the newspaper professions had many groups and individuals who had a knowledge of state parks, their possibilities and their values.

When the depression of 1932 arrived there was a small but widespread scattering of our thinking people and leaders who were well or partially informed about state parks either by first hand knowledge or from other sources. The movement had many loyal friends and few enemies. The Board of Forestry was sympathetically inclined as well as the State Forester.

The CCC under the guidance of the embryonic and nameless Florida Park Service and the National Park Service, with no state funds to start with undertook to acquire and build a system of State Parks for Florida. The acquisition of the sites was the responsibility of the State and with no funds whatsoever the acquisition program was started, with the active cooperation of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and its able Secretary.

Within a short time the nuclei for Hillsborough River, Myakka River, Gold Head Branch, Torreya, Highlands Hammock, and Suwannee River were acquired by donation and delayed payment purchase, and CCC camps started work on all except the last named as soon as they were acquired.

The State of Florida soon recognized the desirability of State Parks, and in 1935, appropriated \$25,000 for the purpose of acquir-

ing, developing, and operating them and passed legislation setting up the Florida Park Service with a director, under the Board of Forestry.

Soon thereafter Fort Clinch was acquired, as well as Tomoka, Florida Caverns, and the previously acquired areas were rounded out by purchasing additional lands.

Thus over a period of approximately eight years, Florida acquired State Parks which while not great in numbers, the areas were of the first magnitude insofar as quality is concerned.

Unfortunately World War II and fortunately a changing economy wiped out the CCC and with its passing went an opportunity to complete the parks, some of which were approaching completion, a number of which were hardly started and one of which had no development whatsoever.

The CCC program continued through 1941 and thereafter the State was on its own financially insofar as maintenance, operation and further development was concerned.

We fought the War and won it, and through the years acquired additions to the older parks and many new areas. Some new structures went up. Many deteriorated. Use increased tremendously as more and more of our citizens as well as our visitors from neighboring states and from afar got a good taste of State Parks. They learned to use them and liked them tremendously.

In 1949, after a comprehensive study by a Legislative Committee, the Legislature passed the Collins Bill giving the work full state agency status under the newly created Florida Board of Parks and Historic Memorials.

Lack of adequate funds severely limited both upkeep and development in spite of heavily increased use during the decade from 1942 to 1952.

In 1953, the Legislature appropriated monies for an overhauling and repair of the whole system and the construction of many needed facilities. A re-organization of the Park Service followed and the work was commenced.

It is evident that much has been accomplished in this biennium as an examination will quickly show that many things have taken place. The number of operating parks has been increased from nine to seventeen. The number of partially developed parks is now seven, and the undeveloped number only three.

Insofar as Historic Memorials are concerned, the story is similar. Fourteen are in operation, five of which are only partially developed and one is undeveloped.

What Is New In The State Parks

(Up To April 1, 1955)

ANASTASIA STATE PARK

Near St. Augustine at Anastasia State Park which lay undeveloped since it was purchased in 1949, we have built an excellent picnic area with rest rooms, ten covered picnic shelters, ten outdoor stoves, a water supply system, and sewage disposal. Recently eleven hundred people picnicked there in one day. The power company has built a line to serve the Park. A boat dock has been built and is proving popular also for fishermen.

An excellent parking area and overlook has been completed. We are greatly indebted to the St. Johns County Commissioners for their cooperation in filling, ditching, underbrushing and road clearing. This park is now much used by both local residents and the travelling public.

HUGH TAYLOR BIRCH STATE PARK

Hugh Taylor Birch State Park at Fort Lauderdale continues to lead in park use. The pavilion has been provided with additional equipment, the group camp donated by the Elks Club has received a fresh coat of paint and has been provided with ping pong tables. Stalls, lounge and rest rooms have been constructed at the riding stables and a polo field is being constructed.

The water system has been extended to two new picnic areas, 18 outdoor stoves have been added and four new drinking fountains provided.

One of the lagoons has been dredged and another has been landscaped.

A much needed combination work shop-garage and a concrete walk to the Beach have been built. New rest rooms and a picnic pavilion are under construction.

FLORIDA CAVERNS STATE PARK

Florida's Underground Fairyland near Marianna is showing up to better advantage than ever before as the entire cave lighting system has been revamped with 1½ miles of wiring and 100 new fixtures have been installed.

A commodious group picnic shelter has been built and this is the first sizeable structure that has been built in the Park since



Manatee Springs flows into Suwannee 1,800 feet away.

the CCC and WPA days. Rest rooms, grills, tables, drinking fountains and a barbecue pit have been built at the picnic area which has been considerably enlarged. Water lines have been built to the picnic and to the camping areas.

The interiors of the Park personnel quarters have been painted and improved and a telephone line built to them. A much needed concrete walk replaced the old walk from the parking area to the Lounge Building.

Another new feature is the ornamental native stone entrance on the highway and a new bridge has been built across the Chipola River within the park.

The golf course has a new caddy house, a rain shelter, equipment shelter and practice green. The roof and inside of the club house have been painted.

FORT CLINCH STATE PARK

Beautiful and interesting old Fort Clinch, after having been dug out of the sand by the CCC and provided with the essentials needed to convert it into a State Park, had nothing new added until just recently. Then the State, the Fort Clinch Memorial Association and the generous great-grandson of General Clinch combined efforts to make additions and improvements.

Mr. Duncan L. Clinch of Chicago donated funds to the Association and furnished architectural aid in placing gates, opening the old moat and providing a bridge at the sally port. He also made it possible to reconstruct the old guardhouse and the headquarters buildings flanking the entrance. The latter now serves as a well-appointed and commodious park office and the former depicts the place where prisoners were incarcerated. Another gift from Mr. Clinch is the tube for a six pounder cannon which will be suitably mounted.

The museum building has recently been reroofed, repaired, the upper landing enclosed and repainted throughout.

Retaining walls have been built, underground power and telephone cable installed and gun platforms cleaned off.

The Jetty Lodge now has a paved road to it and this structure, which was in bad shape, has been completely renovated and a patio on the ocean side added.

The lounge and refreshment building at the Fort has been rescreened, rewired, new equipment added and the water system improved.

At the old picnic ground the rest room has been reroofed, rescreened and painted. A new picnic ground is under construction near the Fort.

A beautiful and appropriate brick entrance has been built at the main entrance to the Park.

JONATHAN DICKINSON STATE PARK

Old Camp Murphy was acquired for a State Park in 1947 and has been renamed. It was named for Jonathan Dickinson who was shipwrecked near it in 1696. However, it had no improvements made until recently. Now the old theatre has been dismantled as well as other structures and the usable material stored for use.

The flat top building has been reroofed, covered with asbestos shingles, painted, windows and doors replaced and a portion of it converted into living quarters for the caretaker.

A well has been drilled, pump and tank installed and a pump house built.

Bids are to be received for the construction of a combination picnic shelter and rest room building, barbecue pit and shelter, a boat dock, and camping area. Picnic tables and outdoor stoves will be provided.

When these improvements are completed the "undeveloped" sign will come down and the "welcome" sign will go up at Jonathan Dickinson. The number one priority then will be a road from where the old military paved road ends to the river where the improvements will be constructed.

FORT PICKENS STATE PARK

Fort Pickens, which just two years ago was aptly described as "a lost jungle city" in our own descriptive folder, now merits a less intriguing name. The jungle growth has been removed from old Fort Pickens and the ten more modern batteries.

Innumerable loads of litter, debris and trash has been picked up and hauled off, undesirable structures have been demolished, roofs have been painted, the insides of many structures painted, flag poles re-erected and water and power restored in many areas.

This work was accomplished through the Junior Chamber of Commerce, a prison group and the park staff. However, after the State Road Department, Escambia County and the Park Service, with the active aid of many persons and organizations, made the entrance road from the end of the military road to Pensacola Beach an actuality, the visitors started to arrive.

All usable material was salvaged, that having historic value was put in storage.

Lights and water were restored to the Old Fort and the residences for the personnel. Water was piped to the new rest room site at Battery Van Swearingen and the sewer line was restored.

The old headquarters building was converted into a canteen, exhibit room, lounge rooms, rest rooms, first aid room, office and storerooms. The roofs on all except four buildings were repaired.

Porches, steps, screens, doors, windows, woodwork, plumbing, and wiring were repaired or replaced in virtually all structures and water heaters installed in three.

Two gun platforms were restored and minor repairs were made at Old Fort Pickens. Painting of walls, ceiling and floors was done in all personnel residences. The fire house quarters were converted into a tool room. The large flag pole at Headquarters was equipped with a top light in order to warn planes. Flags were provided for both poles to fly from 8 a.m. until sunset.

A control fence and gates were erected. The telephone line was built, a drinking fountain installed, signs erected and sewers and water lines repaired.

A picnic area has been started, two wharves have been repaired and trash receptacles provided.

Fort Pickens State Park is now accessible, it is usable as attested by the fact that it ranks third in total attendance of all our State Parks and it also has as great potentialities as any State Park in the South.

MANATEE SPRINGS STATE PARK

Manatee Springs are just about a quarter mile from the fabled Suwannee River and a beautiful spring run connects them. This is one of the major springs in the United States. A new road has been graded to the park and paving is to follow immediately, thanks to the excellent cooperation of Levy County and the State Road Department. The residence for the superintendent is being finished inside and benches and a walk have been built along the waterfront. The picnic area has been extended and a raised walk 1,800 feet long will connect the spring area with the bank of the beautiful Suwannee River.

Fifteen thousand pine seedlings obtained through the cooperation of the Florida Forest Service have been planted in the park.

The new Manatee Springs road turns off U. S. 19-98 a mile north of Chiefland.



Top: The new popular picnic grounds at Anastasia.

Bottom: Tomoka now has an area for white people and one for colored, each with new identical combination picnic pavilions and rest rooms.



MYAKKA RIVER STATE PARK

Myakka River State Park in Sarasota and Manatee Counties is having its access road rebuilt. Persons travelling the Sugar Bowl Road between Sarasota and Arcadia can easily reach one of the nation's outstanding wildlife areas.

Repairs and painting were done to all of the cabins, the boats, the ranger's and superintendent's residences.

The caretaker's residence, the small pavilion and rest rooms were reroofed.

Restrooms were built at the Upper Lake, the colored area and at the Park office.

A house was built for the recently installed chlorinator and water lines were laid to the Park office, to the residence area and to the Upper Lake restrooms.

A boat dock was built at the Upper Lake, signs were built and an entrance and contact building was built to provide access from the North.

Bridges have been built, culverts installed, a fish pond excavated and 1½ miles of fence built. Pine seedlings, obtained from the Florida Forest Service nursery numbering 45,000 were planted and 8,000 bass were placed in the river and lakes.

Myakka, in spite of the highway reconstruction, has great numbers of visitors, many of whom just have to visit that area, either for the first time or again and again.

O'LENO STATE PARK

O'Leno State Park, for many years the site of a group camp, is one of the best loved areas in Florida by the present day youth and by many who have now reached manhood and womanhood. They came and still come there for instruction in forestry, conservation of other natural resources and other group instruction.

However, through the years, not too much has been done to make the unpaved road leading off U.S. 41 usable in wet weather. It is badly in need of paving to alleviate clouds of dust in dry weather and virtually impassable mud in wet weather.

Two new sheltered picnic tables have been built in the picnic area, two shelters have been built in the camp area and two new fire places in the Scout area.

The diving tower has been re-built. New roofs have been put on the barn, sheds, half of the pavilion, the lumber shed, canteen, drinking fountain shelter and two picnic shelters.

The kitchen, as well as part of the interior of the ranger's residence have been painted. The water system has been extended and rock was removed from the road.

This interesting area with its suspension bridge across the beautiful Santa Fe River is easily reached from Lake City on the North or High Springs on the South. The students from the University of Florida at nearby Gainesville are frequent visitors at this Park.

GOLD HEAD BRANCH STATE PARK

Popular Gold Head Branch, built by the CCC, had only two small structures and a rangers quarters added thereafter.

Just recently five modern vacation cottages have been built and equipped as well as rest rooms for the new camping and trailer area.

The bathing beach has been resurfaced, the contact station and pump house have been reroofed, as well as the garage-storeroom.

The nine older cottages have been repaired, rewired and electric stoves and refrigerators installed.

Repairs and additions have been made to the Superintendent's and Ranger's quarters and the barbecue pit has been rebuilt.

Water, power and sewer service have been built for the new cabins and camping area. Roads and parking have been clayed to these new facilities. Efforts are being made to rebuild the Ravine stairway at an early date.

Gold Head Branch's greatest need now is to have the well-designed, graded and clayed road top surfaced so as to make the interior roads safer and more pleasant to drive both in dry and wet weather.

HILLSBOROUGH RIVER STATE PARK

Hillsborough River State Park between Zephyrhills and Tampa has for a quarter century or more been a favorite picnic, fishing, camping and wildlife spot. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Thomas of Plant City gave the initial site, the Coronet Phosphate Company co-operated in selling to the State a sizeable tract, Hillsborough County aided in obtaining a part of it, some was purchased and the balance was obtained through the cooperation of the Internal Improvement Fund.

Almost all of the structures in the park were reroofed. Repairs were also made to the graceful suspension bridge spanning the River, to the waterfront facilities, to the picnic facilities and to the play equipment. Repairs were made to the Ranger's and Superintendent's residences and electric water heaters have been installed.



Colored Area bathhouse, rest rooms, refreshment room and recreation room building just constructed. Little Talbot Island State Park. Grading and landscaping to follow.



New cabins at popular Gold Head have been completed.

A power line was built to Cedar Landing where a well was drilled, a water system installed and rest rooms and a shelter for campers are being constructed. A new rest room is also being installed in the popular picnic area.

KILLEARN GARDENS STATE PARK

Lovely Killearn Gardens near Tallahassee has had an irrigation system installed and its use resulted in one of the donors, Mrs. Alfred B. Maclay's exclaiming, "The Gardens have never been lovelier!" Wells were driven and a pump house was built. A large pool had to have the bottom paved to retain water and largely through the cooperation of the County Commissioners the newly located roads have been cleared and graded and an extensive parking area prepared. Rest rooms are to be the next structure built. Then comes a picnic pavilion and water supply for the picnic area along the shore of Lake Hall between the highway entrance and the formal gardens. The picnic tables and outdoor stoves are now on order and delivery is expected soon.

HIGHLANDS HAMMOCK STATE PARK

Highlands Hammock was initially developed by an Association as a public park largely through the generosity of Mr. John A. Roebling. The CCC completed its development. Major renovation was made several years ago. Recent work consisted of redecorating three personnel residences and new linoleum installed. Chairs and display cases were repaired and refinished.

The fences were repaired, fence lines were put in shape and the cat-walks repaired.

The camping area waste disposal system was remodeled. A new road was built to the camping area and one to the South fence. Two service roads were regraded and reclayed. Two tremendous oak trees were given tree surgery.

A combination building for campers and a youth camp are being built and an addition will be made to the contact station.

LITTLE TALBOT ISLAND STATE PARK

Little Talbot Island State Park has a white area and a colored area. Each area serves large crowds of people from Jacksonville and the countryside and communities north of Jacksonville.

A temporary bath house, rest rooms, refreshment stand and picnic shelters have been constructed at the white area.

At the colored area there has just been finished a nicely appointed bathhouse, rest rooms, refreshment and recreation building with water supply and sewage disposal systems.

At both areas, thanks to the cooperation and aid of the Heckscher Foundation, well-equipped and fenced children's play grounds have been put to a good use.

ST. ANDREWS STATE PARK

At St. Andrews State Park near Panama City an ugly duckling tarpaper-covered unused Army installation has been transformed into an excellent small group camp.

The building eaves were extended, new roofs were put on and the sides covered with tinted asbestos shingles. The wood-work was repaired or replaced, screens were installed.

Rest rooms, shower rooms, offices, a bunkhouse for boys and one for girls, a dining hall and kitchen have been installed. A drinking fountain, a pump house, water storage and water lines have been installed or repaired. Sewage disposal has been provided.

Old buildings have been dismantled, trash has been cleaned up and usable materials stored. Much sand had to be used for backfill. An additional room was provided in the ranger's quarters.

On the waterfront two four inch wells have been drilled, life guard stands were built, a temporary shelter was built at the colored area and temporary parking areas were provided.

However, now the excellent new paved road extends from Thomas Drive to the white area at the Jetty where a bathhouse-restroom building is under construction. A branch forks off to the colored area where similar facilities are being built. These roads were built through the cooperation of the State Road Department and Bay County.

At both areas, in cooperation with Bay County, temporary parking areas are being clayed as the road contract did not call for parking areas.

When St. Andrews was opened to the public without any facilities it became immediately popular. Now that some of the planned facilities and the new road are actualities, a tremendous amount of use is bound to result.

TOMOKA STATE PARK

From the old Dixie Highway just three miles above Ormond Beach, Volusia County has cleared and shelled a road to a point of land. At the end of the road the County has also cleared a parking area. Here is where the Tomoka joins the Halifax. Here is where an impressive statuary group portrays the legend of Tomokie.

The design, construction, and erection of the group is a present to Tomoka State Park from Fred Dana Marsh, famous sculptor. Volusia County and the Florida Park Service cooperated in providing the massive base. An informal reflection pool will be added.



Rest rooms like those at the top at Torreya State Park and like those below at the new camp grounds at Gold Head Branch are nearing completion. Others are built or to be built at Bulow, Hugh Taylor Birch, two at Myakka, two at Hillsborough River, at Olustee, Gamble Mansion, Anastasia, Manatee Springs and Killearn.

A combination rest room-picnic shelter has been completed in the white area and a similar one is finished in the colored area.

Water and sewage systems have been provided as well as drinking fountains. A power line has been built to the park and the Superintendent's quarters has been wired, a heater installed and the kitchen has been improved.

This beautiful area lies south of the Buccaneer Trail A1A and the Halifax River and north of bustling U.S. # 1, but its seclusion makes it very delightful. There is plenty of evidence that the Indians also liked this spot, even though the legend of Tomokie may have no foundation in fact.

TORREYA STATE PARK

George Washington never stopped here but we do know that Mr. Hardy B. Croom did. When he paused in what is now Torreya State Park he discovered the tree for which it is named.

At this park just completed, is an excellent group picnic shelter and the picnic area has been extended. Outdoor grills have been built. The porches at the Gregory house have been repainted and the walks relaid.

Additional rest rooms have been provided.

The old CCC barracks and bathhouse have been torn down and the garage has been repaired.

The Ranger's quarters have been covered with siding and new windows, a back porch, sills and a kitchen were constructed.

Much needed culverts have been placed in the road, a portion of the water line was rebuilt and a pump and pressure tank has been installed.

Torreya is well-known and loved above all by the botanist and nature lover. Liberty County is planning to pave the road right into its center.

COLLIER-SEMINOLE STATE PARK

Collier-Seminole State Park on the Tamiami Trail southeast of Naples and northwest of Everglades now has a picnic area. Clearing of enough area for present use has been done and on this area low places have been filled.

The metal building has been painted, the house has been re-roofed and a water tank has been installed.

A new truck shed and wood shed has been built. The REA has installed a power line.

Collier-Seminole, with its towering native royal palms in the land where the Seminole Indians found their final refuge, is a pleasant pause for travelers.

DADE BATTLEFIELD STATE PARK

At Bushnell, Major Dade and his command suffered almost complete annihilation, first after they marched into an Indian ambush, and then being massacred by camp followers.

The old picnic pavilion has been removed to make way for a commodious new one. Nearby is a large barbecue pit. Picnic tables are in place in the picnic shelter and scattered out under the big trees.

A recreation building of appropriate and commodious design with rest rooms and kitchen is nearing completion.

Repairs have been made to the bandstand, lodge and ranger's quarters. Extensions have been made to the water and lighting system. The tennis courts have been enlarged, surfaced and lighted, using pay meters.

Reverence is paid, in one part of this park, for those who fought, fell or survived here. In another section the living can and do enjoy using this portion of the park. The Association and individuals who have for many years preserved this area deserve the thanks of the visitors and users of this interesting area.

GAMBLE MANSION (JUDAH P. BENJAMIN MEMORIAL)

Judah P. Benjamin stayed at the Gamble Mansion at Bradenton after the fall of the Confederate government.

A great amount of work has been done on this structure recently and it has been again opened to the public. Walls were replastered or patched. Baseboards and other woodwork was replaced where needed.

A new rest room and utility room was built and the roof of the mansion was repaired.

A well has been driven to provide water and the house has been wired for electricity.

The patriotic UDC has done an excellent service for the people of Florida and our visitors by acquiring this beautiful and historic place for present and future generations.

OLUSTEE BATTLEFIELD MEMORIAL

Olustee Battlefield, east of Lake City and west of Macclenny on US 90, surrounded by the vast Osceola National Forest was the site of the bloodiest battle in Florida during the War between the States.

A combination museum-rest room building is now complete. The Florida State Museum at the University of Florida, Gainesville, is building an informative exhibit to be housed here.

A lawn sprinkler system has been installed as well as a sewage disposal system. A deep well has been drilled and a water system laid down.

A new house has been built for the caretaker and the old one is in the process of removal.

JOHN F. ROLLINS BIRD AND PLANT SANCTUARY

The John F. Rollins Bird and Plant Sanctuary, on Fort George Island near the recently purchased Kingsley Plantation house, has been the scene of some improvements.

The Superintendent's lodge has been renovated and now has cabinets, plumbing, and new doors. It has also been ceiled and painted.

Water and drainage systems have been installed and a power line has been built to serve the area. A new road has been built into the area in order to facilitate better operation.

YELLOW BLUFF MEMORIAL

Yellow Bluff, located just south of Hecksher Drive, in Duval County, now has five old Spanish cannons mounted there. Halyards have been provided to keep the Stars and Stripes and the Confederate flags flying from separate poles there, in as much as both sides garrisoned these works.

The area has been brushed out and is to be fenced.

CONSTITUTION MONUMENT

At Constitution Historic Memorial at Port St. Joe, a museum building has been constructed. The Florida State Museum at the University of Florida has planned and is in the process of building a comprehensive exhibit to be housed in the new structure.

DR. JOHN GORRIE MEMORIAL

Dr. John Gorrie, the inventor of the ice-making machine was honored by the Southern Ice Makers Association. Their method of honoring this enterprising physician took the form of a modest monument at Apalachicola.

Plans have been made and are being put into effect to grade, grass and landscape the four small plots composing this Memorial and to construct thereon a small interpretive museum. The exhibit to be placed in it will be designed and built by the Florida State Museum at Gainesville.

New Acquisitions

KILLEARN GARDENS

Killearn Gardens, near Tallahassee, contains one of the finest formal plantings of shrubs and flowers in the South. They were given to the State as a memorial to Alfred Barmore Maclay, who designed and built them out of the products of world-wide collecting. The Gardens contain 20 acres of azaleas, camellias, and flowering shrubs and trees of all kinds suitable to this climate. They are dotted with beautiful trees and set off with water vistas reaching to nearby Lake Hall, and includes formal and informal pools.

The entire property consists of 306 acres. It is 5½ miles north of Tallahassee on the Thomasville Road, US 319. The donors of this handsome gift were Mrs. Alfred Barmore Maclay, and their children, Mrs. Noel F. Bowers, and the late Alfred Barmore Maclay, Jr.

KINGSLEY PLANTATION

The most recent acquisition is historic old Kingsley Plantation and the modern Fort George Club for \$45,000 early in 1955. This area, on Fort George Island in Duval County, contains the original home of Zephania Kingsley and other buildings which link us with colonial and early American history. The property covers, roughly, twelve acres. For a number of years it has been used by its former owners as a winter retreat for its members. The area has been maintained but much repair work will be needed on the older buildings to make them serviceable for heavy public use. This is one of several parks and historic memorials lying on or near the Buccaneer Trail through the northern part of Duval and Nassau Counties.

By driving north it can be reached from the Hecksher Drive (State Highway No. 105) near the town of Fort George.



New picnic shelters, stoves, tables and benches like these at Torreya have just been built or are to be built before summer at Florida Caverns, Dade Battlefield, three at Little Talbot, Manatee, Suwannee River, Killearn. At Suwannee, Dickinson and Bulow combination buildings will be built by June 30.

USE AND FACILITIES

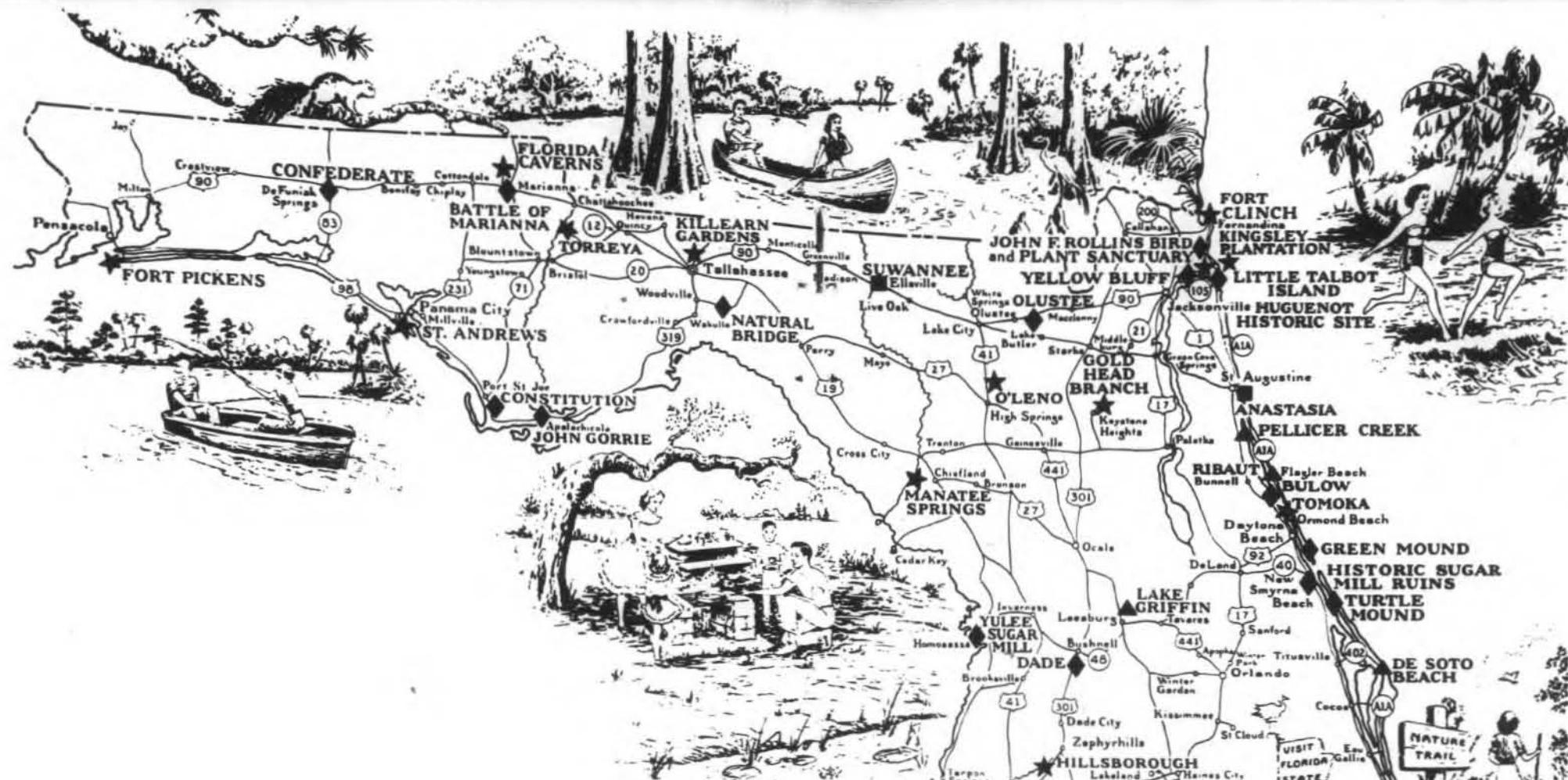
PARK	Exhibits or Museum	Fishing L-Lake S-Stream B-Beach	B- Bathhouse	Refresh- ments	Vacation Cabins	Picnic Facilities	Barbecue Pit	Rental Boats or Canoes	Boat Docks
Anastasia.....		S-B				X			1
Collier-Seminole.....	X	S				X			
Dade Battlefield.....	X					X	X		
Florida Caverns.....	X	S		1		X			
Fort Clinch.....	X	B		1		X			
Fort Pickens ²	X	B		1		X			
Gold Head Branch.....		L	B	1	14	X	X	X	1
Highlands Hammock.....	X	S		1		X	X		
Hillsborough River.....		S	B	1		X		X	1
Hugh Taylor Birch.....	X			1		X	X	X	1
Little Talbot Island ²		B	B ²	2 ²		X ²			
Manatee Springs.....			B	1		X		X	1
Myakka River ²	X	L-S ²		1	5	X	X	X	1
O'Leno.....		S	B	1	X ³	X		X	1
St. Andrews ²		B	B ²	2		X			
Suwannee River.....		S				X			
Tomoka ²		S				X ²			1
Torreya.....	X	S				X			
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HISTORIC MEMORIALS									
Natural Bridge.....		S				X			
Bulow Ruins.....	X	S				X			
Gamble Mansion.....	X								
Kingsley Plantation.....		S							
Olustee Battlefield.....	X								
Constitution Monument.....	X								

¹ Colored only

² White and Colored Areas

³ Winter use only

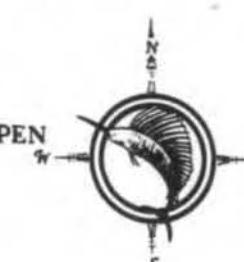
⁴ Bunkhouse only



VISIT
Florida
 STATE PARKS
 and
 HISTORIC MEMORIALS

KEY

- ★ IN OPERATION
- PARTIALLY DEVELOPED - OPEN
- ▲ UNDEVELOPED
- ◆ HISTORIC MEMORIALS



USE AND FACILITIES (*Continued*)

PARK	Recreation Building	Trailer Camping	Day Camping	Tent Camping	Group Camping	Nature Trails	Swimming	Guides
Anastasia.....			X					
Collier-Seminole.....				X				
Dade Battlefield.....	1		X	X				X
Florida Caverns.....	1		X	X		X		X
Fort Clinch.....	1		X	X				X
Fort Pickens ²	1		X	X			X	X
Gold Head Branch.....		X	X	X		X	X	
Highlands Hammock.....	1	X	X	X		X		X
Hillsborough River.....			X	X		X	X	
Hugh Taylor Birch.....	1		X		1		X	
Little Talbot Island ²	1 ¹		X				X	
Manatee Springs.....			X	X			X	
Myakka River ²			X	X		X		
O'Leno.....	1		X	X	1	X	X	
St. Andrews ²			X	X	1		X	
Suwannee River.....			X	X				
Tomoka ²			X	X				
Torreya.....			X	X	(⁴)	X		
HISTORIC MEMORIALS								
Natural Bridge.....								
Bulow Ruins.....			X	X				X
Gamble Mansion.....								X
Kingsley Plantation.....								X
Olustee Battlefield.....								X
Constitution Monument.....								

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No bath houses at Hugh Taylor Birch and Fort Pickens

WHAT IS IT WORTH— WHAT DID IT COST?

It has been estimated that our State Park System has a book value of \$52,000,000. The cost to the State of Florida has been a little more than \$3,000,000.

The areas, almost without exception, are considered to be excellent. Many Floridians would not care to place a money value on what they have enjoyed in their use of the parks during the past two decades.

However, when an almost entire sizeable city sold out of films for cameras one week-end on account of the flowers being in bloom in a nearby State Park, it points up the fact that although little money is spent within a State Park, a large amount is spent to get to and come home from one. Also large sums are spent for food, beverages, clothing, equipment, and supplies by those who use state parks. Out-of-state visitors particularly, are prone to stay longer in localities where a State Park is in the vicinity.

LIST OF BUSINESSES AND SERVICES BENEFITTED BY STATE PARKS

Druggists	Sports apparel
Architects	Portable radios
Archery supplies	Cold drink dealers
Athletic equipment	Recreational real estate
Autos and trailers	Resorts
Bathing suits	Hotels
Beach furniture and equipment	Lodges
Boats and canoes	Motels
Outboard motors	Trailer camps
Camping groups	Ice cream manufacturers
Cameras	Paper cups, plates, napkins, towels
Photographic supplies	Delicatessens
Barbecue stands	Groceries
Barbecue equipment	Busses
Camping equipment	Railroads
Fishing tackle	Airlines
Gasoline stations	Taxis
Auto supplies	

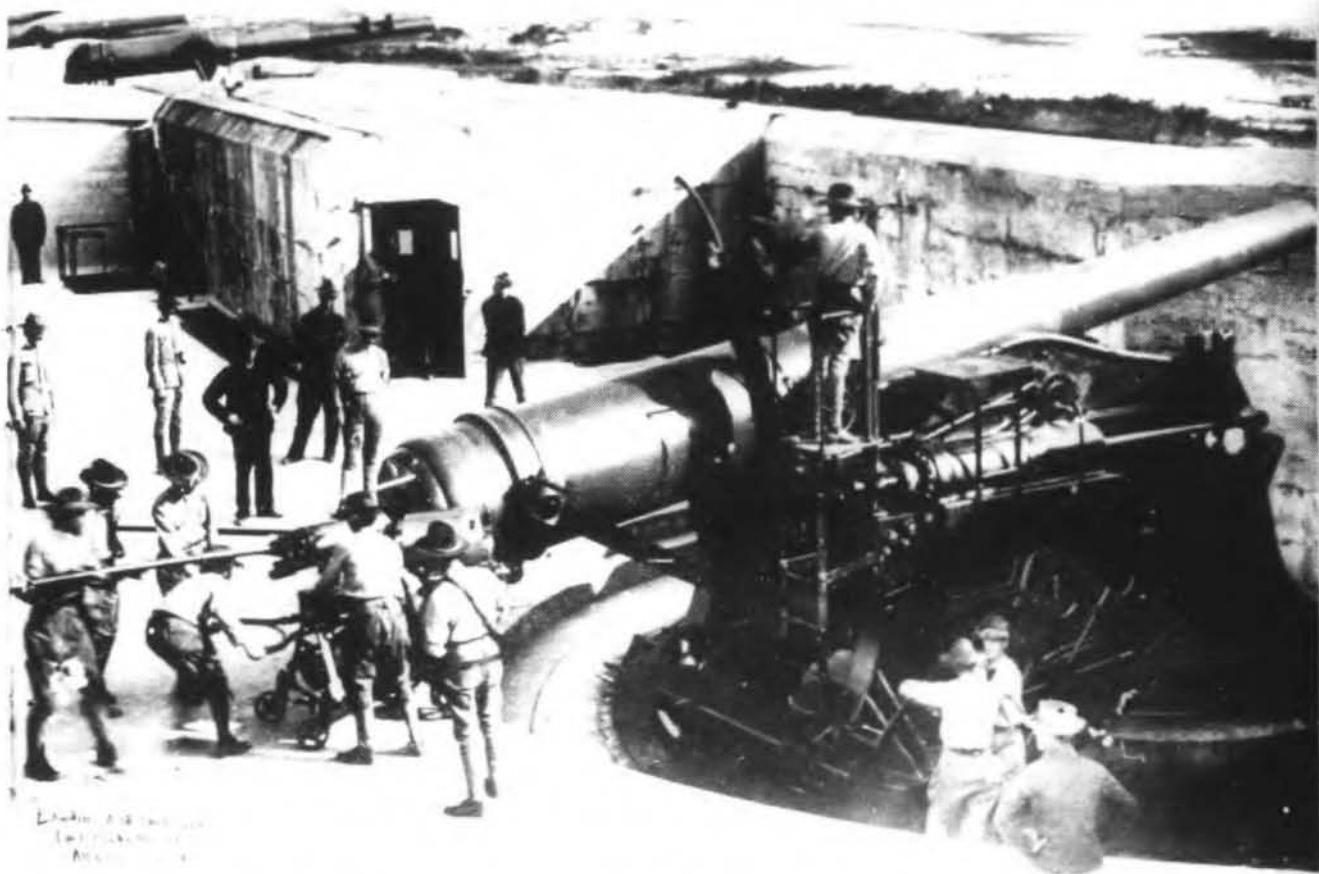
JUSTIFICATION FOR INCREASES IN EXPENDITURES

When the 1953 Legislature appropriated \$1,009,631.00 for Salary and Expense and \$465,000.00 (Board of Commissioners of State Institutions) for Buildings and Improvements for the use of the Florida Board of Parks and Historic Memorials, it launched the Florida Park Service into a badly needed and much appreciated expansion program. The need for this expansion was justified during 1953-54 when attendance in park areas rose from 1,000,000 to 1,400,000 persons. Receipts from charges for services rose from \$120,144.52 to \$136,442.17. This increase is expected to continue at an accelerated rate for several years, due to a number of factors, namely:

- An increase in population of the nation.
 - Shorter working hours, permitting more leisure time for recreation.
 - Increase in the per capita income.
 - Increase of urban populations, creating a desire for outdoor recreation.
 - The withdrawal of more private and public lands, more specifically near water, from use by general public.
 - A population shift that makes Florida the third fastest growing State in the United States with an increase of 25.9% in population, or 707,000 persons since April, 1950.
 - The increasing popularity of Florida as a year around vacation land has made its impact on the Park Service.
 - The parks are becoming increasingly popular with tourists, which add materially to the economy of the State.
 - All of these factors have contributed to the increased demand for services and facilities and an expanding program. It is anticipated that our attendance will rise to 2,000,000 persons this fiscal year.
- In the preparation of the 1955-1957 Legislative Budget, a number of aspects and factors were considered:
1. A review of past operation, with reference to personnel and expense of operation.
 2. A normal pay raise for those presently employed.
 3. Additional personnel and expense necessary to serve the increased patronage, and to staff adequately and maintain the improvements made under the 1953-55 building program.
 4. Additional personnel and expense contingent on the 1955-57 Building and Improvement Program.



Beauty is the keynote in Killearn which came as a gift, highly developed.



Lockwood & Draper
Architects
Charleston, S.C.

These ten-inch disappearing guns are gone, but the pits interest visitors, Battery Sevier, Fort Pickens.

MANY NEW PROJECTS WILL PRODUCE REVENUE

In the request for improvements totaling 150 projects in both State Parks and Historic Memorials, 50 of those in the Parks will be revenue producing. Although it is recognized by the general public that very few State Parks can or should be self-supporting, it is desirable to have them pay for as much of their upkeep as is consistent with good taste, recognized limitations and the need to serve the public.

For example, the greatest use, is by far, picnicking. Much of this use is by local people. It is an increasing activity by all levels of our citizens. Yet this highly desirable activity produces no revenue at most parks and only a limited amount at others. However, it does add to the income of those merchants and operators who sell picnic food, drinks, picnic equipment and supplies. Historic Memorials produce no revenue. Yet they too are acknowledged to be highly desirable by all thinking people of all classes of citizens as well as our visitors.

It is conservatively estimated that income from existing projects will also increase at a sizeable rate as this trend will continue upward inasmuch as park attendance is also increasing greatly.

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET—REQUEST FOR THE 1955 SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE SUMMARY OF PROPOSED BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE 1955-57 BIENNIUM

Priority	Designation	Total Estimated Cost
ANASTASIA STATE PARK		
1	Ranger Residence	\$ 9,500.00
2	Equipment and Garage	5,500.00
COLLIER-SEMINOLE STATE PARK		
1	Rest Room and Screened Pavilion	12,500.00
2	Well, Pump and Purifier	3,000.00
3	30 each—Picnic Tables	1,500.00
4	Dredging Waterways	60,000.00
5	2600 Feet of Catwalks	18,000.00
CONSTITUTION MONUMENT		
1	Rest Rooms	10,000.00
2	5 each—Drinking Fountain	500.00
3	10 each—Stove	500.00
4	Water Line	500.00
5	50 each—Picnic Table	1,500.00
6	Barbecue Pit and Shelter	2,000.00
7	2 each—Picnic Pavilion	10,000.00

DADE BATTLEFIELD

1	Ranger Residence	9,000.00
2	Museum	25,000.00
3	Garage and Storage	5,000.00

FLORIDA CAVERNS STATE PARK

1	Colored, Rest Rooms	4,500.00
2	Colored, Picnic Tables	500.00
3	Golf Course, Well and Water System	4,500.00
4	Ranger Residence	10,500.00
5	Golf Course, Combination Building	15,000.00
6	Ranger Residence	8,500.00

FORT CLINCH STATE PARK

1	Contact Station	5,000.00
2	Workshop and Garage	5,500.00
3	5 each—Rental Cottages	40,000.00
4	Ranger Residence	9,500.00
5	Boat Livery Storage and Rest Room	3,000.00
6	Superintendent Residence	10,500.00
7	Remodel Rest Rooms	3,500.00

FORT PICKENS STATE PARK

1	Gate House	8,000.00
2	Combination Building (Fort)	35,000.00
3	Picnic Rest Room—White	12,000.00
4	2 each—Pavilion	12,000.00
5	100 each—Picnic Tables	5,000.00
6	10 each—Drinking Fountains	1,000.00
7	White Bathhouse	40,000.00
8	Colored Bathhouse	42,000.00

GOLD HEAD BRANCH STATE PARK

1	Office and Concession	25,000.00
2	Addition to Ranger Residence	2,500.00
3	Central Wood Work Shop	7,500.00
4	Superintendent Residence	10,500.00
5	Picnic Pavilion	4,000.00
6	Fence Rebuild	3,000.00
7	Ranger Residence	9,500.00

GOLD HEAD BRANCH STATE PARK

(Supplemental)—(Group Youth Camp)

1	Well, Pump and Tank	3,000.00
2	4 each—Dormitories	42,500.00

3	Infirmary	5,000.00
4	Dining Room	22,500.00
5	Water Lines	2,000.00
6	Swimming Docks	3,000.00
7	Counselors Cottage and Office	7,000.00

GORRIE MEMORIAL

1	Museum	20,000.00
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HIGHLANDS HAMMOCK STATE PARK

1	Office and Information	9,000.00
2	Water Dist. System to Camp	2,000.00
3	4 each—Camping Shelter	8,000.00
4	Addition Ranger Residence	3,500.00

HILLSBOROUGH RIVER STATE PARK

1	Combination Building	40,000.00
2	5 each—Rental Cottages	38,000.00
3	2 each—Ranger Residence	20,000.00
4	Fence—Rebuild	4,000.00

HUGH TAYLOR BIRCH STATE PARK

1	100 each—Picnic Tables	5,000.00
2	10 each—Drinking Fountains	1,000.00
3	Craft Shelter—Group Camp	4,000.00
4	Sprinkler System	20,000.00
5	2 each—Picnic Pavilion	12,000.00
6	Dressing Room and Showers	5,000.00
7	2 each—Ranger Residence	20,000.00
8	Add Wing Picnic Pavilion	3,500.00
9	Addition to Refreshment Pavilion	8,000.00
10	Dock and Canoe Shelter	8,500.00
11	Fence and Ditches	5,500.00
12	Repayment U.S. Planning Service	10,000.00

HUGUENOT MEMORIAL

1	Picnic Shelter	4,000.00
2	16 each—Picnic Tables	800.00
3	8 each—Fireplace	200.00
4	Bathing Dock	2,000.00
5	Boat Ramp and Dock	4,000.00

JONATHAN DICKINSON STATE PARK

1	Gate House and Office	7,500.00
2	Gate Residence	7,500.00
3	Gate Well and Pump	1,000.00
4	Camping Rest Room and Laundry	9,000.00
5	Ranger Residence	8,000.00



The Hillsborough River cannot be improved but many improvements have taken place in the Park and more are needed in this popular area.



Moot, bridge, and entrance built, headquarters on right of entrance and guard house on left rebuilt, old store house, now museum, reroofed and painted at the old Fort, in Fort Clinch State Park. Roofless structures are in need of reconstruction.

GAMBLE MANSION (JUDAH P. BENJAMIN)

1	Ranger Residence	8,500.00
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KILLEARN GARDENS

1	Picnic Area Combination Building	11,500.00
2	Well, Pump and Tank	4,000.00
3	Water Line	500.00
4	Picnic Pavilion	3,500.00
5	Improve Beach	1,500.00
6	Swimming Docks	1,000.00

LITTLE TALBOT ISLAND STATE PARK

1	White Use—Bathhouse Combination	45,000.00
2	5 each—Picnic Pavilion, 3-W, 2-C.	20,000.00
3	Superintendent Residence	10,500.00
4	Ranger Residence	9,500.00
5	Workshop	6,000.00
6	Ranger Residence (Colored)	9,000.00
7	12 each—Rental Cottage, 6-W, 6-C.	80,000.00

MANATEE SPRINGS STATE PARK

1	Complete Ranger Residence	3,000.00
2	Boat Slips	5,000.00
3	Catwalk	4,000.00
4	Gatehouse	3,000.00
5	Entrance	1,000.00
6	Fence—5½ miles	10,000.00
7	Superintendent Residence	10,500.00
8	Overlook Shelter	3,000.00

MYAKKA RIVER STATE PARK

1	Repayment U.S. Planning Service	5,000.00
2	North Gate Contact Station	5,000.00
3	3 each—Ranger Residence	30,000.00
4	Sluice Gate—Upper Lake	18,000.00
5	Lower Lake Dam	27,500.00
6	Fence—Rebuild	23,000.00
7	5 each—Vacation Cottage	38,000.00
8	Office Addition	1,500.00

NATURAL BRIDGE

1	3 each—Covered Tables	1,200.00
2	3 each—Fireplaces	300.00

O'LENO STATE PARK

1	Group Camp Dining Hall	30,000.00
2	Entrance and Office	5,000.00

OLUSTEE BATTLEFIELD

1	Garage and Storage	4,500.00
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PELLICER CREEK

1	15 each—Picnic Tables	750.00
2	5 each—Picnic Stoves	250.00
3	Boat Dock	1,500.00

ST. ANDREWS STATE PARK

1	Gate House and Office	7,500.00
2	2 each—Ranger Residence	20,000.00
3	4 each—Picnic Pavilion, 2-W, 2-C.	20,000.00
4	Group Camp Craft Shop	4,500.00
5	Group Camp Assembly Room	3,500.00
6	Group Camp Shelter	2,000.00
7	Workshop and Garage	6,000.00

TOMOKA STATE PARK

1	Gatehouse and Office	5,000.00
2	Picnic Shelter	5,000.00
3	Boat Basin	8,500.00
4	Boat Dock	8,000.00
5	Barbecue Pit and Shelter	3,500.00
6	Ranger Residence	10,000.00

TORREYA STATE PARK

1	Well and Pump	5,000.00
2	Barbecue Pit	800.00
3	36 each—Picnic Tables	1,440.00
4	5 each—Picnic Fireplaces	260.00
5	2 each—Ranger Residence	20,000.00
6	5½ miles Rebuild Fence	7,500.00
7	Boat Basin and Dock	10,000.00
8	4 each—Vacation Cottages	30,000.00
	GRAND TOTAL	\$ 1,507,500.00



The legend of Tomokie is perpetuated in this impressive statuary group by Mr. Fred Dana Marsh.

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET—FOR THE 1955 SESSION
OF THE LEGISLATURE**
**SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES FOR SALARIES,
EXPENSES, AND OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY,
FOR THE BIENNIVM 1955-57**

	1955-57 Biennium Requested Fiscal Year 1955-56	1955-57 Biennium Requested Fiscal Year 1956-57	Total Biennium 1955-57
General Revenue Fund			
General Appropriation Act:			
Salaries	\$376,980.00	\$407,140.00	\$ 784,120.00
Salaries for Operating Capital Outlay	204,453.00	239,605.00	444,058.00
Expenses	130,455.00	85,985.00	216,440.00
Total General Revenue Appropriations	\$711,888.00	\$732,730.00	\$1,444,618.00
Trust Funds			
1. State Park Fund, Chapter 25353			
Salaries	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....
Expenses	171,842.00	160,000.00	331,842.00
Total State Park Fund	\$171,842.00	\$160,000.00	\$ 331,842.00
2. Killearn Gardens Trust Fund			
Resolution of State Budget Commission dated 3-31-53			
Expenses	\$ 11,200.00	\$ 10,800.00	\$ 22,000.00
Total Killearn Gardens Trust Fund	\$ 11,200.00	\$ 10,800.00	\$ 22,000.00
Total Trust Funds	\$183,042.00	\$170,800.00	\$ 353,842.00
GRAND TOTAL—ALL FUNDS	\$894,930.00	\$903,530.00	\$1,798,460.00
Recapitulation—All Funds			
Salaries	\$376,980.00	\$407,140.00	\$ 784,120.00
Salaries for Operating Capital Outlay	204,453.00	239,605.00	444,058.00
Expenses	130,455.00	85,985.00	216,440.00
GRAND TOTAL—ALL FUNDS	\$894,930.00	\$903,530.00	\$1,798,460.00

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Financial Statement which follows shows where the money came from and how it was used during each of the two year periods for our State Parks and Historical Memorials.

The cost of materials, supplies, and services has gone up appreciably. The proper maintenance of the areas and the increased number of areas placed in operation required a high percentage of the available funds.

It is anticipated that quite probably the trend will be upward or at least continue at the present high level during the next biennium. Therefore, to hold the operation to a suitable level, to provide for expansion of the services rendered to the areas placed in operation, to protect the improvements from costly deterioration and to take care of the needs of areas which should be in operation, funds will be needed.

Florida, being a state ranking next to none in tourist and recreation appeal and possibilities, recognized the need for more and better parks. The Legislature of 1953 provided well for refurbishing the older facilities within them, and the building of new facilities in both the older parks and memorials as well as many of the new ones. This was done in an economical, business-like way either by contracting or by permanent or temporary personnel.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

July 1, 1953 — June 30, 1954

FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR EXPENDITURES

Trust

Cash Bal. 6-30-53	\$ 18,366.47
Receipts-Mdse. for Resale	65,025.11
Receipts-Other	68,809.31
Receipts-Tax, State & Federal	2,589.23
Trans. of Funds-Fla. Forest Service	18.52
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Total	\$154,808.64**
Cash Balance For'd to 1954-1955	\$ 58,435.19*

Trust Fund

Annual Approp.	\$ 24,740.00
Salaries	
Total Approp.	
Expense	100,620.00
Plus Auto. Rel. by Compt. 3%	3,785.04
Plus Reserve by Compt. 3%	854.96
Plus Add. Rel. by Compt.-Refunds	200.00
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Total Approp.	\$130,200.00

GENERAL REVENUE APPROPRIATIONS

Balance 6-30-53	\$.00
Salaries Rel.	208,100.00
Reserve	31,840.00
Less Transfer	—1,300.00
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Total Approp.	\$238,640.00
Bal. 6-30-53	\$.00
Expense	177,465.00
Reserve	.00
Less Transfer	—79.03
Less Transfer	—225.00
Less Transfer	—46,086.00
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Total Appropriation \$131,074.97

SALARY FOR CAPITAL OUTLAY

Transfer from Salaries \$ 1,300.00

CAPITAL OUTLAY—CURRENT

Annual Approp.	\$ 84,427.00
Reserve	2,983.00
Plus Transfer	79.03
Plus Transfer	225.00
Plus Transfer	46,086.00
Total Approp.	\$133,800.03

KILLEARN GARDENS—Payment of Mortgage

Total Approp.	\$ 12,000.00
Trust Balance (Not released)	339.17***

GRAND TOTAL \$647,015.00

*\$58,435.19 of above carried forward to 1954-55, not included in Grand Total

**Receipts from Parks—not included in Grand Total

***Not included in Grand Total

FUNDS EXPENDED

Salaries—Trust	\$ 18,679.87
G. R.	206,796.12
Wages	53,234.67
Prof. Services	1,546.70
Contractual Services	54,558.66
Materials and Supplies	41,273.10
Current Chg. and Obligations	11,137.20
Capital Outlay	49,566.90
Debt Service	12,000.00
Non-Operating	47,018.09
 Total Expenditure	 \$495,811.31
 RESERVES AND BALANCES	
Release Trust Bal.—Sal.	\$ 6,060.13
Release Trust Bal.—Exp.	26,711.46
Add. Rel. Bal.—Refunds	200.00
3% Release Bal.	854.96
Rel. Gen. Rev. Bal. Salaries	3.88
Rel. Gen. Rev. Bal. Exp.	.13
Sal. for Capital Outlay Bal.	.87
Current Capital Outlay Bal. Exp.	82,549.26
 Total Bal. Reserve	 \$116,380.69
Capital Outlay Reserve	2,983.00
G. R. Salary Reserve	31,840.00
 Total Reserve	 \$ 34,823.00
Total Exp.—Bal. Reserve	



ADDISON BLOCKHOUSE
Needs To Be Made Accessible by Road

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
 July 1, 1952 — June 30, 1953

FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR EXPENDITURE

Trust

Cash Bal. 6-30-53	\$ 10,056.23
Tax Bal. 6-30-53	2,348.07
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Receipts-merchandise	\$ 12,404.30
Receipts-other	\$ 57,483.35
Revolv. Fund Refund-Fort Clinch	60,378.03
Revolv. Fund Refund Hugh Taylor Birch	300.00
Receipts Transfer	600.00
Taxes State and Federal	141.22
Trust Replacement Ins.	2,442.76
C&R (prior yr. last yr. dist.)	900.00
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Total Trust Receipts	\$122,250.86
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	\$134,655.16**

Trust

Cash Bal. 7-1-53	\$ 13,575.64
Tax	4,790.83
Total Cash Forward to 1953-54	\$ 18,366.47*

Trust Appropriation

Salary	\$ 64,310.00
Exp.	62,458.00
Cash Bal. 6-30-52-add	12,404.30
3% Compt. released	3,492.66
3% not released by Compt.	239.34
Trust Replacement-Ins.	900.00
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Total appropriation trust	\$143,804.30
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Gen. Rev. State Appropriation

Bal. Salary 6-30-52	\$ 1.79
Sal. Appropriation	150,000.00
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Total Salary	\$150,001.79
Bal. Exp. 6-30-52	\$ 1,169.96
Revolv. F. Ref. Arch.	450.00
Revolv. Fd. Ref. Little Talbot	450.00
Exp. appropriation	125,000.00
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Total Exp.	\$127,069.96
Total General Revenue	<hr/>
	\$277,071.75

General Revenue-Killearn Gardens

Bal. Sal. 6-30-52	\$.00
Sal. Appro.	2,827.58
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Total Salary	\$ 2,827.58
Bal. Exp. 6-30-52	\$ 5,900.00
Bal. Sal. for Exp. 6-30-52	25,372.42
Exp. Appro.	5,900.00
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Total Exp.	\$ 37,172.42
Total	<hr/>
	\$ 40,000.00

General Revenue-Highlands Hammock		
Bal. Sal. 6-30-52	\$.00	
Bal. Sal. for Exp. 6-30-52	4,635.00	
Bal. Exp. 6-30-52	6,123.82	
Exp. approp.	32,500.00	
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Total	\$ 43,258.82	\$ 43,258.82
General Revenue-Manatee Springs		
Bal. Sal. 6-30-52	\$.00	
Sal. Approp.	2,280.00	
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Total Salary	\$ 2,280.00	
Bal. Exp. 6-30-52	\$ 14,389.07	
Bal. Sal. for Exp. 6-30-52	3,325.00	
Exp. approp.	4,720.00	
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Total Exp.	\$ 22,434.07	
Total		\$ 24,714.07
Deficiency Fund		
Exp.-Appropriation	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Automatic Release by Compt.		
Refunds 45-156	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
GRAND TOTAL		\$539,848.94*
*\$18,366.47 of above carried forward to 1953-1954		
**Receipts from Parks—not included in Grand Total		
FUNDS EXPENDED		
Salaries	\$191,840.83	
Wages	50,470.60	
Prof. Services	2,466.00	
Contractual Services	54,185.68	
Commodities	51,652.48	
Current Charges	9,404.65	
Capital Outlay	81,537.82	
Non-Operating	38,982.95	
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Total Expenditures	\$480,541.01	
RESERVES AND BALANCES		
Release Trust Bal. Sal.	\$ 27,408.54	
Release Trust Bal. Exp.	1.98	
Release Trust Bal.-Refund	871.25	
3% Compt. Bal.	239.34	
Release G. R. Bal. Sal.	170.00	
Release G. R. Exp.	125.54	
Release Kilearn Gardens Bal. Exp.	30,489.36	
Release Highlands Hammock, Bal. Exp.	.96	
Release Manatee Springs Bal. Exp.	.78	
Release Deficiency Exp.	.18	
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	\$ 59,307.93	
GRAND TOTAL		\$539,848.94

MANY "UNDEVELOPED" SIGNS COME DOWN

The "Undeveloped" sign has come down off a number of our State Parks during the past two years. As of April 1, only four areas are completely undeveloped, namely DeSoto, Lake Griffin, Pellicer Creek and Overseas Parkway. These await further planning, acquisition or development or acquisition funds.

Historic Memorials which have not been developed are the Addison Blockhouse which is not very accessible until the road is improved, Madeira Bickel Mound, also in need of an access road, Huguenot Memorial, Green Mound, Ribaut Refuge and Yulee Sugar Mill. The latter is very accessible and the area is in use.

STATE PARKS

Name	Acres	Location	Present Status*
Anastasia State Park	852	St. Augustine	O and P
Collier-Seminole State Park	6,423.4	Royal Palm Hammock	O and P
Dade Memorial	80	Bushnell	O
DeSoto State Park	216	Titusville	U
Florida Caverns State Park	1,131	Marianna	O
Fort Clinch State Park	1,085.918	Fernandina Beach	O
Fort Pickens State Park	1,658.6	Pensacola	O and P
Gold Head Branch State Park	1,338	Keystone Heights	O
Highlands Hammock State Park	3,800	Sebring	O
Hillsborough River State Park	2,777	Zephyrhills	O
Hugh Taylor Birch State Park	180	Fort Lauderdale	O
Jonathan Dickinson State Park	10,484	Stuart	P
Lake Griffin State Park	725.5	Leesburg	U
Little Talbot Island State Park	2,500	Fort George	O and P
Manatee Springs State Park	1,380.5	Chiefland	O and P
Myakka River State Park	26,897.8	Sarasota	O
O'Leno State Park	1,387.51	High Springs	O
Pellicer Creek State Park	729	St. Augustine	U
St. Andrews State Park	1,000.6	Panama City	O and P
Suwannee River State Park	1,830.98	Ellaville	P
Tomoka State Park	712	Ormond Beach	O
Torreya State Park	1,098	Rock Bluff	O
Florida Overseas Parkway	Undetermined	Monroe County	U

HISTORIC MEMORIALS

Name	Acres	Location	Present Status*
Addison Blockhouse	5	Ormond Beach	U
Battle of Marianna		Marianna	O
Battle of Natural Bridge	6	Woodville	O and P
Bulow Ruins and Plantation	109	Bunnell	O and P
Confederate Monument		DeFuniak Springs	O
Gamble Mansion	5	Ellenton	O
Gorrie State Park		Apalachicola	O and P
Green Mound	6	Wilbur-by-the-Sea	A
Kingsley Plantation**	12	Fort George	O and P
Madira Bickel Mound	10	Terra Ceia Island	A
Olustee Battlefield	5	Olustee	O
Ormond Tomb	9.3	Korona	O and P
Ribaut Refuge	139.27	Flagler Beach	U
State Constitution Monument	12	Port St. Joe	O
Sugar Mill Ruins, New Smyrna	17.35	New Smyrna Beach	O
Turtle Mound	10	Coronado Beach	A
Yellow Bluff	2	Fort George	O
Yulee Sugar Mill	6	Homosassa	O and U
John F. Rollins Bird and Plant Sanctuary	120	Fort George Island	O

Code*

A—Archeological
O—in operation

P—partially developed
U—undeveloped

*—as of June 30, 1955
**—purchased in 1955

ATTENDANCE AND RECEIPTS
JULY 1, 1952 - JUNE 30, 1954. ALSO JULY 1, 1954 - DEC. 31, 1954

PARK	FISCAL YEAR 1952-1953		FISCAL YEAR 1953-1954		FIRST SIX MONTHS FISCAL YEAR 1954-1955	
	Attendance	Receipts	Attendance	Receipts	Attendance	Receipts
Anastasia ¹	18,687		18,977		Closed during construction	
Bulow Ruins ¹	4,859	\$ 34.70	4,955	\$ 74.75	2,212	\$ 28.30
Collier-Seminole ¹	29,852		44,975		28,225	
Constitution Monument ¹	3,515		3,132		963	
Dade Battlefield ¹	40,755		40,255		20,365	
Florida Caverns.....	39,711	25,572.79	45,647	30,362.76	19,137	13,423.93
Fort Clinch.....	79,655	4,735.52	59,832	6,257.53	9,665	3,379.85
Fort Pickens.....	5,911	301.00	53,483	300.00	64,629	954.80
Gamble Mansion ³	4,144	1,024.59	3,603	895.80	618 ³	151.75
Gold Head Branch.....	61,585	13,994.05	73,072	15,255.47	45,229	6,731.27
Highlands Hammock.....	60,087	4,260.07	57,914	7,149.78	10,416	2,634.60
Hillsborough River.....	92,885	15,182.77	88,664	14,051.89	41,778	6,334.98
Hugh Taylor Birch.....	323,642	37,429.76	565,280	40,202.68	175,942	15,793.11
Killearn Gardens.....		375.00	11,356	3,677.74	125	1,659.90
Little Talbot Island.....	195,152	1,512.20	166,052	3,772.51	155,623	5,910.19
Manatee Springs.....	7,435	202.24	10,659	626.13	8,718	654.57
Myakka River.....	60,514	9,192.98	52,343	8,063.16	14,716	2,617.66
New Smyrna Ruins ¹	4,308		10,016		5,512	
O'Leno.....	30,580	5,664.42	30,697	5,525.69	10,855	3,649.13
Olustee Battlefield ¹	2,779	84.05	2,678	84.75	723	17.40
St. Andrews ²			81,070		63,444	
Tomoka ¹	16,703		29,630		18,655	
Torreya ¹	5,571	7.48	5,379	12.96	2,823	7.27
TOTALS.....	1,088,330	\$119,573.62	1,459,669	\$136,313.60	718,373	\$ 63,948.71

¹ No revenue producing facilities.

² Revenue producing facilities under construction.

³ Closed for renovation.

ATTENDANCE INCREASING

Attendance at the Florida State Parks increased over 400,000 from the season 1952-1953 to 1953-1954. As the facilities are more adequate, in better shape and as additional areas, and larger portions of the older areas are available for use, it is reasonable to anticipate that the attendance during the present year will be in the neighborhood of 2,000,000 people.

NEEDS FOR BETTER FACILITIES, SERVICES AND PARKS RECOGNIZED

It is recognized that better service, more facilities and additional areas are needed. More and better personnel is needed. Florida parks are on the march and to have them continue until they equal or surpass those of any other state, several things are continuing needs. An appreciative and informed public, and an awareness in the Legislature of the values, importance and needs of our State Parks and Historic Memorials are essential. The funds to supply the operation, new construction and acquisition needs should be made available and a Board and Park Service with the know how, willingness and energy to do the job should be charged with the responsibility of carrying out the program. THE "UNDEVELOPED" SIGN IS DOWN except in the case of three State Park areas and several Historic Memorials. Some of the latter need little or no development.

ROADS AND PARKING AREA NEEDS

The State Road Department and the County authorities have provided excellent roads to virtually all of the State Parks which are in operation and to the few areas which are not yet in operation. Torreya, one of our oldest parks, is still without a good road to this lovely area.

The parking problem is acute at several coastal parks which are in operation.

This is true at Little Talbot, Anastasia and Tomoka on the Atlantic and at St. Andrews and Fort Pickens on the Gulf. Jonathan Dickinson is in need of both a road and parking areas in order to make the area along the River available to picnickers, fishermen, boat users and campers.

The road to Bulow Ruins needs to be paved in order to make this interesting area available to sightseers, picnickers, fishermen and boatmen.

At Fort Pickens a road into the colored area will have to be built to make it usable. A road to the picnic area and one to the white bathing area are needed.

The State Road Department and the County authorities have cooperated excellently in providing many roads and parking areas.

ROAD AND PARKING MOST URGENT NEEDS

PARK	ROADS TO PARK	PARK ROADS	NEW ROADS NEEDED	1955 PARKING REQUESTS
Anastasia.....	Excellent.....			
Florida Caverns.....	Excellent.....	Excellent.....	2 miles.....	
Fort Clinch.....	Excellent.....	Excellent.....	350 lin.ft.....	10,300 sq.ft.
Fort Pickens.....	Good, needs top coat.....	Main road needs top coat.....	¼ mile Negro area. One mile picnic, beach area.....	60,000 sq.ft. Surface 12,000 sq.yd.
Gold Head Branch.....	Excellent.....	Surface 5 miles.....	1 mile.....	
Highlands Hammock.....	Excellent.....	Resurface.....		
Hillsborough River.....	Excellent.....	Needs surfacing 2½ miles.....	To camp area ¾ mile.....	Surface 12,000 sq.yd.
Hugh Taylor Birch.....	Excellent.....	2 miles.....		Surface 20,000 sq.yd.
Jonathan Dickinson.....	Excellent.....	Good.....	3½ miles.....	5,000 sq.yd.
Killearn Gardens.....	Excellent.....	Graded 1.2 miles, needs surfacing.....		2,500 sq.yd.
Kingsley Plantation.....	Fair—needs surfacing.....	Needs surfacing.....	1/5 mile.....	
Little Talbot Island.....	Excellent.....			Surface 5,000 sq.yd.
Manatee Springs.....	Under construction.....	None.....	¼ mile.....	None
Myakka River.....	Being re-built.....	4½ miles needs surfacing.....	3½ miles access from north.....	Surface 10,000 sq.yd.
O'Leno.....	Excellent.....	2 miles surfacing.....		2,000 sq.yd. surface
Tomoka.....	Excellent.....	2 miles.....		5,000 sq.yds.
Torreya.....	Poor, pave 1.2 mile.....	5 miles surface.....	2/5 mile picnic area.....	3,000 sq.yds. surface
Collier-Seminole.....	Excellent.....	¾ mile surfacing.....		5,000 sq.yd.
St. Andrews.....	Excellent.....	Good.....		Surface 5,000 sq.yd.
Suwannee River.....	Excellent.....		2 miles.....	

HISTORIC MEMORIALS

PARK	ROADS TO PARK	PARK ROADS	NEW ROADS NEEDED	1955 PARKING REQUESTS
Huguenot.....	Excellent.....	None.....	½ mile.....	.....
Ribaut Refuge.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Olustee.....	Excellent.....	Surfacing 1/10 mile.....	None.....	None
Dade Memorial.....	Excellent.....	Resurface 3,500 lin.ft.	None.....	None
Bulow Ruins.....	2,250 lin.ft.	1.2 miles.....	.....	.....
Addison Blockhouse.....	None.....	None.....	Grade and shell 1 mile.....	None—10 car
Ormond's Tomb.....	Good.....	None.....	None.....	None—4 car
Turtle Mound.....	Good.....	None.....	None.....	None—4 car
New Smyrna Sugar Mill.....	Good.....	None.....	None.....	Surface—None
Yellow Bluff.....	Excellent.....	None.....	None.....	Adequate—None
Gamble Mansion.....	Excellent.....	None.....	None.....	Adequate—none
Madiera Bickel Mount.....	None.....	None.....	None.....	None—5 car
State Constitution.....	Excellent.....	Good.....	None.....	Surface
DeFuniak Confederate Monument.....	Excellent.....	None.....	None.....	City—None
Natural Bridge.....	Excellent.....	None.....	1/10 mile.....	None—25 car
Battle of Marianna.....	Excellent.....	None.....	None.....	City—None
Gorrie Memorial.....	Excellent.....	None.....	None.....	City—None
Green Mound.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Yulee Mill.....	Excellent.....	None.....	None.....	City—None

INFORMATIONAL SERVICES

The State Advertising Commission, the State Road Department, the Department of Agriculture, Chambers of Commerce, hotels, motels, filling stations, travel clubs and agencies, the press, national, state and local publications, trade and organization magazines, the radio stations and innumerable organizations and individuals spread the word about Florida's State Parks and Historic Memorials.

The need for more promotional media is quite obvious and if sufficient funds are made available, considerable expansion in this field could be accomplished. The results would well repay a considerable expenditure.

During the biennium the botanist, headquartered at Highlands Hammock, spoke at schools in Pinellas, Hardee, Hillsborough and Manatee Counties as well as at Daytona Beach, Clewiston, and Lake Placid. Talks were also made at Jacksonville and Pahokee Garden Clubs and the Pahokee Women's Club. Radio talks were made weekly at Sebring and three were made at Fort Lauderdale.

Nature camps were conducted at Highlands Hammock and Torreya State Parks.

Plant lists were made or revised for Jonathan Dickinson, Florida Caverns, Torreya. Trees and shrubs were labeled at Hugh Taylor Birch, O'Leno, Myakka, Hillsborough River, Gold Head Branch, Highlands Hammock, Florida Caverns, Killearn and Tomoka as well as at Alexander Springs for its Association.

The botanist assisted in day camps at Hugh Taylor Birch for Y. M. C. A. and City Recreation Department and at Highlands Hammock for Sebring Recreation Department, also for Highlands County Schools and Girl Scouts.

The botanist wrote material for brochures for Hugh Taylor Birch and Killearn Gardens and 25 newspaper articles, conducted sight-seeing tours and programs. Also set up museum and prepared exhibit material at Highlands Hammock.

CHRONOLOGICAL BRIEF HISTORY STATE PARKS

- 1907 Commission to rebury Ponce de Leon's remains in St. Augustine (failed). Appropriation \$15,000 for constructing monument Chickamauga Battlefield.
- 1911 Legislature authorized erection statue of former Governor Napoleon B. Broward on capitol grounds and appropriated \$10,000 for statue of John Gorrie.
- 1911-1913 Legislature memorialized Congress appropriate \$100,000 for acquisition Dade Battleground and re-establish military post at Fort Clinch.
- 1915 State appropriated \$500 to help care for monument erected at Olustee Battlefield by United Daughters of Confederacy. Smaller sums were subsequently made available for same purpose.
Establishment of Royal Palm State Park, owned and operated by Florida Federation of Women's Clubs. State funds and lands used in this undertaking supplemented by FERA, WPA, and CCC assistance. Later absorbed in Everglades National Park. This early initial effort to establish a State Park was forerunner of park system in Florida.
- 1933 Florida Board of Forestry authorized make surveys suitable for parks and Trustee Internal Improvement Fund to designate areas suitable for State Parks. The Trustees and the Secretary have through the years cooperated whole-heartedly in the establishment of State Parks. First State-owned State Parks acquired by gift and purchase and development started by means of CCC camps. Use started with acquisition. National Park Service cooperated in planning and supervision of Camps. W.P.A. statewide preliminary survey of recommended sites completed. The CCC program gave Florida opportunity to move ahead rapidly in its program.
- 1935 Legislature passed organic State Park Service law to operate as an agency under the Florida Board of Forestry. Director appointed. CCC Camps continued development and aided in operation previously acquired areas and new areas. Appropriation of \$25,000 made available for acquisition, construction and operation.
- 1936-1942 CCC Camps continued construction and aided in operation.
- 1940 Stephen Foster Memorial Commission established.
- 1943 First year operation without any Federal aid.
- 1945 Parks given freedom to act as an agency under Forestry and Parks Board. Latter had name changed to include Parks.

- 1949 After a study by a Legislative Committee, the Collins Bill passed setting up Florida Board Parks and Historic Memorials as an independent State Agency.
- 1950 Effort made to get remains of Osceola moved from Fort Moultrie to Florida. (failed)
- 1952 Legislature appropriation made to restore the parks to proper operating condition and install additional facilities.

LAWS RELATING TO STATE PARKS, HISTORIC MEMORIALS AND PARKWAYS

The existing laws relating to State Parks and Historic Memorials are given in detail in "A Report to the People of Florida" 1953, a copy of which is attached or one may be obtained by writing to the Florida Park Service, Tallahassee. Some of these laws or some parts of them need to be revoked or amended. The Attorney General has asked for recommendations. The following laws also relate to the State Parks, Historic Memorials and Parkways and are included for information.

348.10 WALKWAYS ON PUBLIC BRIDGES AUTHORIZED—

Any state, county or municipal agency or authority charged with the maintenance and construction of public roads and bridges is authorized to construct and maintain pedestrian walkways, "fishing walks" or fishing bays on public bridges under its jurisdiction whenever it is deemed necessary to do so in the interest of safety.
 History.—Comp. 1, ch. 26984, 1951.

348.08 LOCAL SERVICE ROADS—

In connection with the development of any limited access facility the state, county, city, town, or village highway authorities are authorized to plan, designate, establish, use, regulate, alter, improve, maintain, and vacate local service roads and streets or to designate as local service roads and streets any existing road or street, and to exercise jurisdiction over service roads in the same manner as is authorized over limited access facilities under the terms of this law, if in their opinion, such local service roads and streets are necessary or desirable. Such local service roads or streets shall be of appropriate design, and shall be separated from the limited access facility proper by means of all devices designated as necessary or desirable by the proper authority.
 History—8, ch. 22045, 1943.

15.031 STATE TREE DESIGNATED

(1) The Sabal Palmetto Palm, which is also known as the cabbage palm, and sometimes as the cabbage palmetto, a tree native to Florida, is hereby designated as the Florida state tree.

(2) Said state tree being now extensively used for commercial purposes, the provisions of this section shall not be construed to limit in any manner said use thereof in business, industry, commerce, for food, or for any other commercial purposes.

History—Comp. 1-2, ch. 28126, 1953.

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